



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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John VONEIFF, *et al.* ) Examiner: Jason D. PRONE  
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Appln. No.: 10/091,173 ) Group Art Unit: 3724  
formerly 031937.000006 )  
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Filed: March 6, 2002 ) Confirmation No. 1310  
 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR AUTOMATICALLY )  
PRODUCING TISSUE SLIDES )

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**REGARDING ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action requesting an election of species ("Office Action") mailed on May 18, 2005, please consider the following responsive election. Applicants submit that this response is filed within the shortened statutory time period provided for reply without payment of extension of time fees. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.